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The Honorable John Baldacci
Governor, State of Maine
1 State House Station
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Dear Governor Baldacci:

I am pleased to inform you that your state has been selected to participate in the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices' *Policy Academy on Civic Engagement of Older Adults*. Eight states were selected to participate in the policy academy. State selection was made by an advisory committee that included subject matter experts representing corporate, academic, and advocacy perspectives.

This Academy focuses on helping states to improve the health and lives of older adults by developing strategies for increasing the proportion of seniors who are employed or engaged in meaningful volunteer activities. It offers a unique opportunity for your state team to learn from national experts and interact with peers from across the nation. At the academy meeting—to be held July 25-27, 2007 in Annapolis, Maryland—state teams working with expert faculty will design state action plans with strategies customized to the needs of their states.

Funded by the Atlantic Philanthropies, this year-long Academy begins with the selection of your state and continues through April 2008.

A staff member from the NGA Center project team will be contacting your state's team leader, Director Diana Scully of the Office of Elder Services, in the next few days to schedule a pre-academy site visit and review next steps. If you or your staff has any questions, please contact Joy Cameron on 202-624-5822; or at jcameron@nga.org.

Congratulations, and I look forward to your state's participation.

Sincerely,

John Thomasian
Director, NGA Center for Best Practices